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Making a Choice to Expand

In Fall 2006 Southeastern reached another milestone - its first doctoral program. The new degree program in Educational Leadership, offered in consortium with the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, is a natural extension of the university's long tradition of excellence in the field of education.

The new program's coordinator thoroughly understands the needs of today's school leaders. Before coming to Southeastern, Dr. Kenneth E. Lane was a middle school teacher, school counselor, administrator, and a university professor at California State University at San Bernardino.

"The program's strength is that it is geared towards the need of the practitioner to produce better teachers and students," he said. "The flexibility to integrate current technology into course delivery methods and the collaboration with ULL add to its strength."

Students in the first cohort agree. Grant Gerald of Franklin, La., said that the "flexible approach with integrated field and research experiences" is what he likes best. And Daniel Williams of Ponchatoula added, "As the principal of a local school, I am interested in learning more about educational leadership and ways to improve my school and school district. This program allows me to do that."

"I actually waited for Southeastern to start its Ed.D program," said Linda Saucier of Pine Grove, La. "I am honored to be in the first group admitted. I appreciate the university's student-centered environment and the emphasis on application of skills with theory."

Southeastern's expansion of its degree offerings to include the doctoral program not only provides additional choices for students and educational professionals, but also improves the quality of education at all levels.



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A Unique Choice

Southeastern's unique graduate program in Integrated Science and Technology (ISAT) attracts students from near and far. The attraction, students say, is its blend of quality instruction and high academic standards with personable, interested faculty and a caring environment. It is a reflection of the kind of unique personal experiences all Southeastern students receive.

"Joy of learning with personal care ... is tough to get in any other university," says Mayukh Bit of Kolkata, India. "That is why my experience here will be unforgettable."

"I chose Southeastern and the ISAT program because of its vigorous, friendly, and interactive environment," said Jun Fu, who is from Chengdu in southwest China. "The superior faculty, broad spectrum of courses and diverse student body is what I like best."

"The ISAT program is the only professional science master program in our area. Recent ISAT graduates are currently enjoying careers at DuPont Chemicals, EATEL Corp., Interlox Co., and the U.S. Navy," said Dr. Ken S. Li, the ISAT program's coordinator. Dr. Li, who holds the Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship in Mathematics, has a doctorate in applied mathematics from Purdue University.

"This program is truly international. We are lucky to have Mayukh and Jun," said Dr. Li, who has come to know his students in and out of the classroom. "Mayukh is very polite and can cook delicious Indian food," he said. "Jun likes a challenge and she uses an umbrella even when it is a sunny day."

